

TO THE DEPUTY ORGANIZERS OF THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Many complaints have been made to me, that deputy organizers are not organizing the territory assigned them with that diligence we have a right to expect. That some appear to be waiting for farmers to assemble, and send a special committee to the deputy organizer, to come and organize them, instead of going into each neighborhood, and explaining the Alliance to the farmers, and inducing them to organize. Several deputy organizers have made no report to the State Secretary since their appointment. Some have made but few reports, indicating they have spent but little time in the work. To those whose reports to the State Secretary show that they have worked diligently, I must say, well done; the Alliance is proud of you. If any deputy organizer finds that he cannot work up the territory assigned him in a reasonable time it is his duty, to either ask for the appointment of one or more assistants, or resign. It is not right to hold the office of deputy organizer unless you are going to canvass every neighborhood, either individually or by an assistant. We cannot reap the greatest benefits of the business features of the Alliance, until our State is thoroughly organized. Upon you rests that responsibility. Push the work.

Fraternally
S. B. ALEXANDER,
Pres't. N. C. F. A. and C. U.

[FOR THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 6, 1888.

The Wake County Alliance convened in this city today and was called to order at 11 o'clock by the President, J. D. Allen.

In the absence of Vice-President McCullers, Bro. J. W. Jones was chosen Vice-President pro tem.

C. H. Clark, J. W. Smith and Wm. Hendon were appointed a committee on credentials. Thirty-four Alliances were found to be represented.

On motion, Bro. J. J. Dunn was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Reports from most of the sub-Alliances in the county were received, showing them to be in a prosperous condition.

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Spirited and interesting discussions were had, participated in by brethren Dowd, Hamilton, Polk and others.

After a most harmonious and profitable session, the Wake County Alliance adjourned to meet in Raleigh on the first Friday in April, 1888.

W. G. CROWDER, Sec'y.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 6, 1888.

I'm just home from a meeting of our County Alliance, held at Hope-well church, with Beach Cliff Alliance. And surely it was a pleasant meeting. The hospitality, warm reception and beautiful repast extended by those brethren to the delegates and officers of the county, will long be remembered. Beach Cliff has a membership of 80, being the largest in the county. A report from our business agent, and the remarks made upon the same, showed not only the advantage of united effort, but that we were going to make use of that advantage.

A letter from Capt. S. B. Alexander to our President tendering his resignation as Lecturer of the County Alliance, was read by the Secretary. His resignation being accepted, E. C. Davidson, of Beach Cliff Alliance, was elected to fill the vacancy.

The following resolution in regard to your paper was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, The State Alliance, County Alliance and sub-Alliance have adopted THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER as their official organ, that we, feeling the paper will be to a great extent what we make it; realizing the importance of a good, solid correspondence, and the benefit thus derived from an exchange of our views, one with another, recommend to our members that we write for that paper good solid communications, not only as the news of the Alliance, but on farm topics generally."

Our county is wide awake on Greensboro. F. S. NEAL.

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JONESBORO, N. C., Jan. 8, 1888

According to previous notice, the Moore County Farmers' Alliance met in the town of Jonesboro, N. C., Jan. 6th, 1888, and was opened in form.

The following committees were appointed: Dr. V. N. Seawell, A. A. McPhail and Dr. A. J. Monroe on reports and returns, and T. M. Cross, George Cole and D. M. Underwood on credentials.

The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Delegates from sub-Alliances were

requested to hand in their credentials, and about fifty delegates responded, there being about that number or more visiting members.

There being a vacancy in the executive committee, on motion, Capt. D. O. Bryant was added to said committee.

On motion, R. J. Watson, Dr. A. J. Monroe and ——— Davis were enrolled as delegates from Shallowell Alliance.

On motion, the following were enrolled as delegates from Poplar Springs Alliance: F. G. Sloan, W. F. M. Harrington and David Campbell.

The following new Alliances were admitted and their delegates enrolled: Broadway, No. 193; Cedar Grove, No. 201; Cedar Springs, No. 222; Fair Haven, No. 223; and Moors Hill, No. 232.

On motion, the secretary was directed to call a meeting of the secretaries of the sub-Alliances previous to the next county meeting so that the reports of the sub-Alliances may be in a more uniform order.

On motion, the following were elected a committee on the good of the order: George Wilcox, E. McGilvary and J. W. Lawrence.

On motion, the Alliance proceeded to elect a trade committee, which resulted in the election of the following: J. W. Scott, D. O. Bryan, Dr. A. J. Monroe, A. H. Gross and J. W. Cole.

On motion, George Cole was elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of J. D. Henley, the thanks of the Alliance were tendered to Messrs. McIver and Dalrymple for the use of their hall.

Moved and carried that the next meeting of the Moore County Alliance be held at White Hill.

There being no other business, the Alliance was closed in form.

J. B. WATSON, Sec'y.

THE ALLIANCE.

A Farmers' Alliance has been organized here. Last Thursday the Alliance met for the first time since its organization and doubled its membership. The members are enthusiastic over the order and its prospects. They declare that they will soon have a majority of the farmers of this county.

It is composed of the very best people of the county.—Tarboro Southerner.

A SAFE TEST.

Those who are sometimes discouraged at the apparently slow progress which at times the Alliance seems to make in practical directions, should remember that slowness of growth is not peculiar to the Alliance but common to all organizations formed on an idea. Organizations must not be judged by members. It is not the quantity but the quality which tells, and from this point of view the Alliance has reason to be encouraged because it has allied to itself the best element of the farming class. There is no disputing this, one may safely wager that in any precinct where an Alliance organization exists that that sub-Alliance counts a majority of the neighborhood, not necessarily in number, but in brains and character. If any one doubts this let him figure it up in his own neighborhood. Let him put down in one column the first class men, the second-class and the third class by themselves and he will find that the first-class men as a rule are in the Alliance. Do not mistake, a man is first-class, not because he has most means, but he is first-class in the Alliance when he would be first-class as a church member, or in an army, or as an odd fellow, or as a member of a political party or in any other relation where character, integrity and good sense tell. The one who sneers at the Alliance may put this in his pipe and smoke on it, that the Alliance has the cream of the farming population in its fold.

Let this be admitted as it must be by observing men and two things follow, first that the Alliance will be an eventual success and second that the eleventh hour converts to Alliance principles will be ashamed of themselves for all time to come.

The Alliance will be a success because it is founded on a correct idea and second because it has under it the pillars of farming society. Every State or county has its men who in other circumstances might be Elijahs, Pauls and Luthers, men who live and die for principles' sake, men who act from motive, men who make opinion and mould it, who form opinions and act up to them and those men are in Alliance. We invite the thought of our readers to this fact and ask them to verify it by their knowledge of their

own neighborhood. If it be a fact outsiders can safely and wisely enter the Alliance, for no organizations with principles and men of principle, ever yet in the providence of God, came to the ground.—Planter and Crescent.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

The Richmond County Farmers Alliance held its regular meeting at Laurinburg on the 3rd inst. There were present about 35 delegates from the different sub-Alliances in the county. We had a very satisfactory meeting and transacted some important business. We feel that our organization is fast gaining ground, and that the day is not far distant when the farmers will realize great good from the system of co-operative working which it is endeavoring to establish. We are prepared to consider propositions from manufacturers and merchants to furnish supplies for the present year. Each sub-Alliance has been instructed to elect a business agent whose duty it is, after obtaining from the trustees the amount desired by each member, and what security he can give, when security is required, to negotiate with manufacturers or merchants for such supplies as they may need. The agents from the different sub-Alliances are instructed to meet in Wilmington on Wednesday, the 18th inst., in order to ascertain whether they can secure better terms than from our home merchants. We propose always to give home merchants the preference and hope each sub-Alliance will find in its neighborhood some substantial mercantile house prepared and willing to furnish to its members whatever they may need. Some of our sub-Alliances reported having already, in purchasing bagging and ties, heavy groceries and fertilizers, jointly saved to their members many dollars. Some of these sub-Alliances made their purchases in Wilmington; others bought from their home merchants. A secretary of one of our sub-Alliances stated that, in reply to a letter from his Alliance to a certain guano company requesting prices and terms, they were informed that the company were not prepared to sell them. After some discussion, a motion was carried that each member of Richmond County Alliance do refuse to trade with, or use, any fertilizer or goods of any manufacturers or merchants who refuse to negotiate directly with the Alliance. After some interesting and instructive remarks from several of the delegates the Alliance adjourned to meet in Rockingham on the first Friday in April next.

Very respectfully,
SECRETARY RICHMOND COUNTY ALLIANCE.—Rockingham Rocket.

The Boston Globe has been publishing lists of many of the aged residents of New England, and its returns show about half of the male residents over eighty years of age have been farmers, and most of them are still engaged in agriculture. This is positive, irrefutable evidence of the healthfulness of farming. In considering whether an occupation pays or not, its healthfulness is an important consideration. The gains in this life are not all expressed in dollars and cents.

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